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TAGS: SOCI, CI, PFOR, VS

SUBJECT: ST. GEORGES SCHOOL

REF: SANTIAGO 7469

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM CONGRESSMAN  
BRADEMAS FOR INFORMATION ON ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL PROBLEM.  
REQUEST MADE AT BEHEST OF PROVINCIAL FOR HOLY CROSS ORDER,  
FATHER WILLIAM LEWERS. TEXT OF LEWERS LETTER TO BRADEMAS  
FOLLOWS.

QUOTE: DEAR CONGRESSMAN BRADEMAS: MY SINCERE  
CONGRATULATIONS UPON YOUR RE-ELECTION, AND BEST WISHES AS  
YOU CONTINUE TO SERVE THIS DISTRICT AND THE NATION.

I AM ENCLOSING FOR YOUR INFORMATION A BACKGROUND REPORT  
CONCERNING OUR SCHOOL IN CHILE, ST. GEORGE'S COLLEGE,  
WHICH HAS CONTINUED UNDER MILITARY INTERVENTION SINCE  
OCTOBER 1973.

WHILE I AM NOT READY AT THIS TIME TO INSTITUTE A PUBLIC  
CAMPAIGN CONCERNING THIS TAKE-OVER OF OUR SCHOOL, I WOULD  
APPRECIATE A LITTLE QUIET PRODDING OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT.  
THIS WOULD HELP US TO SECURE MORE ACTIVE INTEREST BOTH  
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IN WASHINGTON AND IN THE EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO. ANY HELP YOU

MAY BE ABLE TO GIVE US WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

I WILL BE IN CHILE FOR TWO OR THREE WEEKS IN LATE  
DECEMBER AND EARLY JANUARY, AND, DEPENDING UPON THE OUT-  
COME OF THAT VISIT, WE MAY DECIDE TO MAKE A PUBLIC  
PROTEST OVER THIS SEIZURE OF CHURCH PROPERTY OWNED BY A  
UNITED STATES-BASED RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY.

WITH BEST PERSONAL REGARDS, CORDIALLY YOURS, (REV.)  
WILLIAM M. LEWERS, C.S.C., PROVINCIAL. UNQUOTE

2. DEPARTMENT IS PREPARING APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO  
BRADEMAS DETAILING EXTENSIVE EFFORTS ALREADY MADE BY  
DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY ON BEHALF OF ORDER. RESPONSE WILL  
POINT OUT THAT FORMULA FOR RESOLVING THIS ISSUE WAS BEING  
NEGOTIATED BETWEEN PARTIES CONCERNED AND THAT NEITHER  
DEPARTMENT NOR EMBASSY HAD BEEN REQUESTED BY ORDER TO  
TAKE ANY FURTHER ACTION. WE, OF COURSE, ARE PREPARED TO  
DO SO WHEN ASKED. IN EVENT EMBASSY HAS ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION FURTHER TO REFTEL APPRECIATE SO BEING ADVISED  
SOONEST. KISSINGER

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